(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken in the
matter

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Rupee-dollar exchange rate

1083. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the dates on which the rupee-dollar exchange rate were changed and their exchange value during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The [rates for purchase of dollars from banks authorised to deal in foreign exchange are fixed daily by the Reserve Bank of Inda on the basis of prevailing exchange rate for dollar in terms of pound sterling in the internationa] markets and the Bank's spot buying rate for pound sterling. These vary practically everyday. Reserve Bank of India's buying rates for US dollar as on 'the last working day of each half year during the last 3 years and as o" 20-11-85 are given below:—

Date	RBI's buying Rate US Dollar Rs.
30-12-1982	9·6339
29-6-1983	10·0705
30-12-1983	10·4932
29-6-1984	11·1857
28-12-1984	12·3609
28-6-1985	12·3916
20-11-1985	12·0627

Loans advanced to M5s. ES AL (Commodities) Ltd. London

1084. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Uns arred Question 340 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1985 and state;

(a) whether collusion of the termi nated officers with M/s. ESAL; (Commodities) Ltd. London has been investigated; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Central Bureau of Investigation has 'reported that its investigations have revealed collussion on the part of a former General Manager of Punjab National Bank with the borrower. It has since filed a charge-sheet against the former official of the bank and Shri Rajinder Singh Sethia in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi, and the trial i_s in progress.

As regards othe'r fraudulent transactions, the C.B.I, has reported that it is undertaking the investigations.

Import of Sugar

1085. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of sugar imported during 'he last six months;

(b) what are the names of the countries from which it was imported and at what rate; and

(c) what are :he shipment charges that were incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The quantity of sugar imported during the last six months (May—October 1985) is 11.67 lakh MT.

(b) The purchases are generally made from established international sugar traders who have the option to supply sugar from any country except those prohibited by the Govern-